**ART I: SYLLABUS**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ High School Instructor: Ms. Sarah Kron

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Extra Help Days:

Mon.-Wed. afterschool- 4:00pm

**Welcome to Art I!**

**Class Description:**

Art I is an introductory course in the visual arts. Each Art I student will have the opportunity to explore many two-dimensional media, such as paint, charcoal, pastels, colored pencil, and ink. The Art I student will also have the opportunity to begin exploring work in three-dimensions, such as in sculptural form. In this class students will continue to develop their creative thinking and problem solving skills. In addition to gaining confidence working with a variety of mediums, students will learn about the history and interpretation of art. An emphasis will be placed on understanding the importance and learning how to recognize and use the elements of art and the principles of design.

**Materials:**

* Students should bring their sketchbook and a pencil to every class.
* Some projects may require photos or other visuals that the student will need to bring to class

\*All other supplies will be provided by the school.

**Classroom Rules and Expectations:**

* Be prepared to class- bring all necessary materials
* Be on time.
* Listen and follow directions.
* Respect to everyone in the class as well as all materials and equipment in the art room.
* Use all tools safely and properly.
* Use your time wisely- stay on task.
* Work quietly- talk only at appropriate times and use appropriate language.
* Meet deadlines and complete work outside of class if needed.
* Take care of materials and workspace. Clean up after yourself.
* Have a positive attitude!

**Course Requirements:**

* Class Participation:

Participation in class is a vital part of the art classroom experience. Students are expected to pay attention, follow directions, and be engaged in any class discussions or critiques. Students are also required to participate in cleaning up the classroom at the end of each class.

* Quizzes:

May be given to assess understanding of information taught. Students are expected to complete their own work. Cheating will result in a zero. Quizzes are NOT a major grade in the art room.

* Sketchbooks:

Sketchbooks are where ideas can be explored. Sketchbook assignments will be given to activate student creativity, brainstorming, and to document experiences and information. Homework assignments will be given each week and expected to be completed by the assigned due date to receive full credit.

* Projects:

Many different projects will be completed throughout this course. There will always be class time permitted for projects.

**Course Policies:**

* Attendance:

Class attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absences will result in after school detention. Five unexcused tardies will also result in detention. If you know you will not be in class, see me ahead of time to get your homework assignment. If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and make it up ASAP.

* Late Assignments:

All assignments are expected to be handed in on the due date. Late assignments will be accepted, but for each day it is late 5 points will be subtracted from the grade, 10 points deducted for major projects. Late assignments due to an excused absence will not lose points if it is turned in the following class.

* Extra Help:

It is expected that if you need extra help or extra time to work on any of your projects you will come see me in the art room. I will be available in the art room after school each week on Monday- Wednesday until 4:00pm. **Anyone is welcome to come work on artwork!**

**Grading Policy:**

Projects are graded on criteria, composition, effort, and quality. Students will turn in a self-assessment with each project. The self-assessment helps build your critical skills as well as lets me know how you see yourself as an artist.

**\*I do not grade artwork on artistic ability.**

**Evaluation of each student will be by the following methods:**

* Projects- 40% **Grading Scale:**
* Sketchbooks- 30% 90-100= A
* Homework and Quizzes-10% 80-89= B
* Class Participation- 20% 70-79= C

60-69= D

Below 60= F

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**Student/ Parent or Guardian Signatures**

This form must be signed and dated by a parent or guardian and the student and turned in to Ms. Kron by 9/15/09 for an extra 5 points. This will ensure that the student and parent or guardian has read the Art I class Syllabus and have a clear understanding of what the objectives, expectations, and assessment tools are for this class.

Thank you,

Ms. Kron

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